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Community Resource Report

**The Woodland Park Zoo**



[**www.zoo.org**](http://www.zoo.org)

**What the Zoo has to offer:** The Woodland Park Zoo is in the heart of Seattle, spanning 92 acres and housing over 300 different species. They have exhibits from all over the world, showcasing some of the world’s most interesting and endangered species. The Woodland Park Zoo offers group discounts and provides zoo specialists to guide groups around the grounds, explaining the intricacies and habits of whichever animals are being studied at the time. They provide teachers with professional development and resources in order for them and their class to have a greater experience at the zoo. The zoo also offers a chance for student exploration, observation techniques and real-life learning that cannot be experienced in the classroom.

**Who to Contact:** Registration can occur online, by phone, at  206.548.2424, or email can be sent to [group.registration@zoo.org](mailto:group.registration@zoo.org).

**How much it costs:** The Woodland Park Zoo offers group and school discounts. There are three different rates throughout the year, ranging from $6.00 to $8.50.

**How to take advantage of what’s available:** Teachers can set up guided tours specific to science curriculum. Call ahead and arrange live demonstrations, expert talks and organize a children’s program (animal enrichment, plants and animals). Teacher resources to be used with the zoo experience are also available online. Can’t afford to make it to the zoo? Have the zoo come to you. The Woodland Park Zoo offers Zoo-to-School programs that can be designed to align with your curriculum needs.

**Why should you care:** The zoo offers an out of the classroom experience with habitats, ecosystems, wildlife, plant life and climates from around the world. Hands on experiences allow for students to make deeper connections with the curriculum taught in the classroom. There is also a portion of the zoo dedicated specifically to animals of the Pacific Northwest. Students can view local animals up close and personal while making connections as to why these creatures are important to our Earth.